



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

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USDA APHIS has received \$9.5 million in emergency funds through the USDA Commodity Credit Corporation to help support *P. ramorum* activities in 2005. The majority of the funding will be used to support the national nursery survey in all 50 states, as well as the required regulatory inspections in California, Oregon, and Washington. It will also be used to fund educational outreach efforts and short-term methods development research in direct support of program activities.

California Department of Food and Agriculture has reported 35 *P. ramorum*-positive California nursery detections to APHIS in 2005. Twenty-one of the confirmations were found outside of the 14-county quarantined area, while 14 were found within it. Positive detections throughout California, by activity, are as follows: nursery stock cleanliness inspections or compliance agreement inspections – 21; and trace forward or trace back investigations – 14.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has inspected more than 1,400 (of about 2000) nurseries as part of the Federal order compliance survey process; 3 sites are *P. ramorum*-positive. Oregon also reported 4 trace-forward positives in residential settings. The residential finds originated at a nursery found positive in 2004. Delimitation surveys confirmed the disease has apparently not spread to other plants already in the landscapes. Infected plants have been removed and incinerated.

The 2005 National Nursery Survey is underway. Ten states have reported on their progress. To date, 221 sites have been surveyed and 1744 samples have been collected; none have been confirmed as positive for *P. ramorum*.